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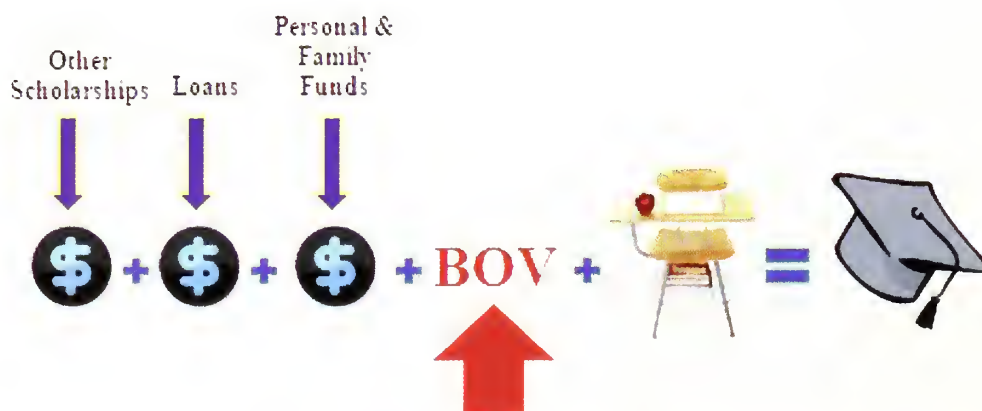
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from the president



Dear friends,

These are exciting times at CSU. We continue to be inspired by the accomplishments of the CSU family. The University's vision of integrating faith in learning, leading and serving provides clear direction and focus as we move into the future.

On the following pages you will read examples of several amazing things happening at CSU. Our women's track team made University and Big South Conference history last year when they took 8th place in the 4x100 relay at nationals. The relay team is working hard to make another appearance at the national meet in 2010.

This magazine also contains highlights from the 40th reunion of the University's founding classes, news about University awards and an update on the Center for Christian Leadership. Two longtime professors who are approaching retirement, Jim Barrier and Steve Best, recall four decades of teaching biology at CSU. These stories and the campus news will give you a small glimpse of what day-to-day life is like on campus.

God continues to bless us, and we are committed to seeking His guidance and honoring Him in all that we do as we move into the future.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend Homecoming on October 21-24 and experience Buccaneer excitement firsthand.

Sissy and I have had a wonderful year celebrating our 25 years with the University. We thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Sincerely,

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Jairy C. Hunter, Jr.

*President*

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## correction

In the 1997 section of *Twenty-five years in the life of a University* in the fall issue of the magazine, we published that the men's soccer team played Liberty in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. However, the men played the University of South Carolina. We apologize for the error.

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## Attaway: Hard work equals success

*Ceremony for bachelor of technology, bachelor of management arts and master's degrees*

By John Strubel



**T**he fact that Billie Attaway was physically standing on the stage provided a measure of hope for the fall 2009 graduating class.

In 2004, Attaway was diagnosed with stage four malignant squamous cell cancer in his throat. Doctors at the renowned Mayo Clinic offered a grim prognosis; there was a 30 percent chance of survival. Five years and dozens of radiation and chemotherapy treatments later, Attaway delivered the first of two commencement speeches.

Attaway, a Charleston entrepreneur and member of the CSU Board of Visitors, knows the meaning of survival – he's living it. He also understands the meaning of success

because he's achieved that too. Attaway was named Entrepreneur of the Year by Merrill Lynch, Inc. and has won consecutive annual honors as owner of one of the fastest growing privately held companies in America by Inc. 500.

With the backdrop of a fragile national economy and local unemployment reaching 12 percent, Attaway offered an honest piece of advice for success to students in his commencement address. "There is no easy way," he says. "Nothing replaces your faith, family, friends and hard work. If you focus on these fundamentals then you too can be successful."

The University awarded Attaway an honorary doctor of commerce. ■

"NOTHING REPLACES YOUR FAITH, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND HARD WORK. IF YOU FOCUS ON THESE FUNDAMENTALS THEN YOU TOO CAN BE SUCCESSFUL."

## FINAL DECEMBER GRADUATION FEATURES MEMORABLE MOMENTS

**T**he University conferred 280 degrees Dec. 19 in Lightsey Chapel. Ten graduates had perfect 4.0 grade point averages. The Office of the Registrar reports the top 20 fall graduates recorded a 3.95 GPA or higher, 13 of the 20 completing a master's degree.

The ceremony marked the final December commencement. The University will begin honoring graduates once a year, beginning May 2010. ■



## Propes is MVP of Business Success

By Jan Joslin

**M**ary Propes, CEO of MVP Group International, addressed CSU students receiving bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees.

Propes currently employs six Charleston Southern graduates and serves on the University's Board of Visitors. She is a firm believer that God uses everyday, ordinary people, and His timing is always right.

MVP Group International is the parent company for numerous divisions, including Olde South Candle Company and Carolina Candle. Propes' journey to international business woman began when she was trying to create jobs in a small, economically depressed Kentucky county.

As the director of the Chamber of Commerce in Mayfield, Ky., a town of 10,000, Propes began looking around for ways to create jobs in the rural area. After researching, she decided that food processing, agriculture or both would benefit the area. She contacted the top 10 chicken processors in the country. Number seven came, looked and built. "It was the most successful new agriculture start up plan in the world; then my phone started ringing," said Propes.

Her experience led to consulting jobs for companies such as Perdue, Cagles, Claxton,

Avian Farms, Sara Lee, Jamaican Broilers and Charoen of Bangkok.

She had one son graduating from college and another son about to enter college. Propes said, "I kept thinking passive income, passive income as my health was not the greatest, and I knew I would always have to work to make a living."

Propes talked her friend, Bobby Turner, into selling her an old building, contract for deed. "The problem was it was a wreck; it had been storage for the scrap from the t-shirts (Bobby owned a clothing company that made t-shirts.) which were bagged and all the way to the ceiling and moldy from the leaky roof. We creatively got rid of the rags and were left with a whole wall, floor to ceiling, of baby food jars. This was the beginning of MVP Group International, and we didn't even know it," said Propes.

She said, "I tried everything to get rid of those (jars)." With the help of family, friends and neighbors, Propes and her crew filled all the baby food jars with blue wax, all the same scent, all poured from metal Kool-Aid



pitchers. "We sold all, 250,000 plus, to Garry Tittle with Value City Department Store. They called back and said they would buy all we could produce," said Propes.

Propes was suddenly in the candle business.

Today MVP, headquartered in Charleston, is the largest private label candle company in the world; the family is in multiple businesses including textiles, marble and granite fabrication and is part of the group that just bought Eclipse jet.

The University awarded Propes an honorary doctor of commerce.

Propes had a commemorative candle for graduates to pick up with their diplomas. The commemorative candle included the Bible passage Matthew 5:16 which read, "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." ■





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WATERED BY PRAYER AND TENDED BY FAITHFUL STEWARDS,  
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY IS READY TO

# BLOOM

CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP HELPING THE UNIVERSITY GROW

When you plant bold seeds in South Carolina soil, you expect them to grow strong and true. Charleston Southern University was planted in North Charleston in 1964, watered by prayer and tended by faithful stewards over several decades. Now ready to bloom, CSU is quickly moving in the direction of an exciting vision, aided by the efforts of the newly established Center for Christian Leadership (CCL). I arrived at CSU in June of 2007 and have since been given the honor of acting as the director of the CCL.

When the administration and Board of Trustees adopted a new vision statement in 2006, to be a Christian university nationally recognized for integrating faith in learning, leading and serving, they were acknowledging that CSU's future is an exciting one in which the University will take its expected role as a leading institution among Christian colleges and universities.

The achievement of this vision builds upon the faithful work of two presidents, dozens of board members, hundreds of faculty and staff, the South Carolina Baptist Convention, and thousands of friends and alumni of the University. Indeed, the second half-century of Charleston Southern must see the school emerge as a national leader in Christian higher education.

Yet, while anybody can state a vision, achieving that vision requires a plan, dedication and a mechanism for getting there. At CSU, one critical part of this plan is the Center for Christian Leadership. While the CCL at CSU has been in the works for several years, we have decided to move forward even before we have the level of resources we know will be necessary to be most successful in the future. Currently, the CCL is tasked with leading efforts to develop faculty members' abilities to integrate the Christian faith in the classroom across all academic disciplines.

## CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

**MISSION:** PROVIDE PROGRAMS, RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT CONTINUALLY DEVELOP DISTINCTIVELY CHRISTIAN LEADERS AMONG CSU FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS AND PARTNERS.

## CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

**VISION:** BECOME A LEADING VOICE OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT WHILE PREPARING LEADERS FOR CHRISTIAN ACTION.



### The Plan

Along these lines, we have in the past year initiated several annual events. Thirty-five faculty members participated in the Faculty Biblical Worldview Seminar, several weeks of readings, discussions and deep exploration of the basic biblical doctrines that undergird CSU's mission and the elements of a biblical worldview that can guide our thinking as we seek to integrate faith and learning at the highest levels. An even greater number of faculty members are currently involved in Faculty Faith Integration Seminars, spread out over several weeks in the spring. In March, a number of highly experienced scholars from across the country visited CSU to share their faith integration experiences and insights to faculty members in numerous disciplines. April brings the Faculty Faith Integration Forum, where the CSU family can see how professors are integrating the Christian faith in various courses and majors. The Annual Values and Ethics Lecture Series will continue in the fall to bring well-known Christian thinkers and speakers to campus, creating conversation around issues that impact the whole Christian community.

### The Place

All of these efforts are aimed at moving CSU in the direction of realizing the University's vision. While most of the Center's activity thus far has been spread out across the campus, the Center for Christian Leadership cannot remain a virtual center indefinitely. Much progress has been made in designing, drawing and raising funds for the Christian Leadership Center building, a place where the CSU community can concentrate its efforts to excel at distinctively Christian higher education. This building – which will be appropriately and prominently placed in the center of campus – will provide much-needed classroom space, seminar rooms, meeting rooms, resource/library space, research space for faculty and students to engage in scholarly exploration of their disciplines, and space for large conferences that bring others to the campus to share in our Christian mission. The building will also contain a strategic clustering of faculty offices that allows for conversation and leadership in the area of faith and learning.





FAR LEFT The faculty goes back to class. Dr Rick Martinez leads Faith Integration Seminar

LEFT Martinez teaches faculty members how to integrate faith and learning at the highest levels

photos by Sherry Atkinson

## The Product

So what do we hope to accomplish through these efforts? Besides the institutional goals associated with achieving CSU's vision, we are working toward graduating students who have encountered Christ and His gospel, serve society in all areas with distinction, lead their organizations and communities and can be strong, competent Christian voices in a multicultural world. At the same time, while recognizing that CSU already has professors who are faithful servants of Christ, the Center works to ensure our faculty are people who lead the Christian community in teaching, writing and thinking about cultural challenges from a Christian perspective. Finally, over time, the Center is working to develop partners and constituents who share critical aspects of our mission and vision and can also benefit from the efforts and programs of the CCL.

## The Partnership

By God's grace, we will continue to move forward in building the Center for Christian Leadership, and we look forward to that day when we can break ground on the CLC building. In the meantime, I will continue to work with my faithful colleagues to use the Center as the rallying point for the good work of building faithful, Christian leaders among our faculty, staff, students and graduates. We welcome all who wish to partner with us on this fabulous journey. A beautiful University continues to emerge out of the soil of North Charleston, and there is still plenty of room for those who would provide the water to help it grow. ■



## Detachment honored as BEST IN REGION

By John Strubel

Air Force ROTC Detachment 772 has been named Southeast Region Small Unit High Flight winner for the fourth time in six years.

Detachment 772 has been named the Best Small Detachment in the Southeast Region in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007. The detachment also won the national honor in 2007.

Lt Colonel Mark Trudeau says the program's success is the result of hard work and strong character of the recruits. "I think we're doing a lot of things right," he said. "The cadets actually run a lot of these programs. We're giving them the opportunity to lead. That really helps develop them."



Detachments are evaluated in the areas of officer commissions, academic performance, recruiting and retention, cadet activities, community service and student involvement.

"It makes me feel good about the future of the Air Force," added Trudeau. "It means we're

recruiting the right kind of people with the character that's needed to lead this country."

With 20 cadets and three full-time employees, Detachment 772 at Charleston Southern is considered the smallest unit in the nation.

"It's not like we're trying to do a lot of extra work," said Trudeau. "We're just a very active detachment. It speaks to their character."

AFROTC Detachment 772 is one of two, two-year AFROTC programs in the nation.

Detachment 772 was established as a four-year program in 1971 and shifted to a two-year program in 1978. Since its inception, the unit has commissioned an average of 12 officers per year. ■

## New Graphic Design Studio Opens

By John Strubel

Graphic design students began the semester in a new, state-of-the-art classroom and studio.

The \$100,000 project spanned six months, combining the work of three departments. The classroom is furnished with 27 iMac computers outfitted with Adobe Creative Suite 4 premium software that includes 10 graphic design programs.



The new facility is located on the lower level of L. Mendel Rivers Library and is designed with temperature control for peak performance.

Charleston Southern launched the new program last fall. Now, with the addition of state-of-the-art equipment and software, program director Ed Speyers said graphic design students "will learn to master the essential software used in graphic design and develop a deeper understanding of what skills the industry will require."

"Our eyes, everywhere they rest, are bombarded with visual images," said Speyers. "How are students – young people in particular – to relate to the images they see? What are the advertisers really selling? Being able to digest and critically review advertising imagery from a biblical worldview is essential to furthering the development of a Christian mindset."

"Teaching graphic arts is more than exposing examples that are not acceptable to a Christian mindset; it is drawing students toward what is consistent with

sound biblical teaching of ethical standards and practices – even in the sophisticated world of advertising design," added Speyers. "There is no such thing as a Christian perspective in graphic arts without the Word of God held firmly in the center."

In later semesters, the program will encourage and challenge students through internship opportunities and real-world projects.

"We're excited that Professor Ed Speyers and Professor Aaron Baldwin provide the combination of outstanding background and professional credentials with the ability to view artistic endeavors from a Christian perspective," said Dr. Jim Colman, vice president for academic affairs.

"Even in a time of recession, graphic design skills are needed in many areas including advertising, publication and design," said Colman. "The healthy interest from prospective students is a strong indication of the advantages of moving into this exciting artistic field." ■

# Taking the **Keys** to the Offense

*Tales of the freshmen point guards*

By Cedrique Flemming, Sports Information

Photos by CSU Sports Information

**I** imagine being a freshman athlete on a collegiate team. You are still trying to get to know your teammates and your coaches, while building relationships with all the new people around you.

You want playing time in your sport, of course, but it's usually expected that you will be able to learn how to play your position by talking to and studying the veterans who are ahead of you on the depth chart.



Shay Jones

That wasn't the case for freshmen Helen Terry and Shay Jones.

The two members of the women's basketball team entered their rookie campaigns knowing they would be competing for starting point guard duties this season.

"I came in knowing I had a chance to be one of the starters, and I knew I had to work harder than I've ever worked before," Jones said. "Helen and I both knew how hard we had to work from Day One, and we had to fight every practice during the preseason."

"I felt like it was real competitive in the beginning," Terry said. "We were both working really hard and would always challenge each other to improve. That competitiveness was good for both of us, and I feel like now we are working harder during practices than ever before."

It wasn't always supposed to be this way. The responsibility of court general was supposed to belong to Kiki Rutledge.

Rutledge had the opportunity to play behind and learn from former CSU great Pam Tolbert for the majority of her rookie campaign last year. With Tolbert's graduation, the job of starting point guard was Rutledge's to lose.

That was until the sophomore suffered an injury that forced her out of the entire 2009-10 campaign.

"At first I was really devastated when I got injured," Rutledge said. "Along the way, though, I realized that basketball is just another thing I need to focus on. I have really been able to use this time to concentrate more on God and focus on other things like helping my teammates and growing closer to them and my family."

Rutledge's teammates took notice of her maturation, and the respect she earned in the locker room earned her one of the three captain spots this season, along with lone senior Tina DeCarvalho and junior Katie Tull.

With the injury to Rutledge, the keys of the offense were handed over to two unproven rookies.

The transition was quick, and both players have shown glimpses of the greatness to come.

"So far I think I'm doing pretty well in my first year," Terry said. "I know there are a lot of things I need to work on and get better at, though. I know I need to be more vocal on the court. I also need to work on controlling the ball more and knowing what to do in certain situations."

"I think I'm getting better as far as handling myself and not thinking so last out there," Jones said. "I am getting better at just thinking about the game instead of going so fast the whole time."

The dynamic duo isn't totally alone in learning the offense and figuring out how to play at the Division I level. Despite her injury,

Rutledge has taken her captain title to a whole new level. She is constantly teaching her teammates and using her knowledge to give them advice on how they can improve their respective games.

"I try to be a great encourager for Helen and Shay, especially during big games," Rutledge said. "When they sit next to me, I point out things that they are doing well and things they can improve on."

Rutledge was named Big South Freshman of the Week twice last season and was also a member of the 2008-09 All-Freshman Team. ■



Helen Terry

## Face of an Angel, Heart of a Lion

By Sherry Atkinson

In December 2004 Brandy Roberts had a semester of school under her belt and was working in the purchasing office at CSU. This was her second go around at Charleston Southern. In 1994 she had completed a year of school, but when her daughter, Lynlee, was born with health problems, Roberts chose to stay home. Now it was time to finish what she had started. But the prospect for completing her education looked dim when during a Christmas party that year she received an urgent phone call from her husband, Michael.

"He was very disoriented and said he needed me to come home," said Roberts. She rushed home to find Michael lying unconscious on the floor, his face horribly swollen and splotches covering his body. When she wasn't able to rouse him, she immediately called 911. Since Michael has a history of severe allergic reactions, she assumed that was the case. But when she arrived at the hospital, Roberts learned he had had a grand mal seizure and was experiencing severe memory loss. And then the bomb was dropped: the physicians told her they were unsure if Michael would ever be able to work again or regain his memory.



After the initial shock, Roberts was met by the uncertainty of Michael's future, "as to whether he was going to come back fully or what it was going to be like for him. I felt I had to continue and get my education because I was going to be the one to provide the livelihood for the family," Roberts stated "Against all odds, that's what I was going to have to do."

While Michael endured endless doctor's appointments, hospital admissions and medical tests, Roberts continued her classes, worked her job and cared for the family. Both were concerned about the future. She continued working in the purchasing office and was grateful for a manager who allowed her to work from a hospital room or work late because of a doctor's appointment during the day. When it was too risky for Michael to be at home by himself in the evening, he sat in the back of her class listening to music on his headset.

"I don't think I would be where I am today had I not been in that environment," said Roberts. "There are good, good people there. I tell everyone that it's not the kind of stuff you find anywhere else."

In the midst of the enormous stress, Roberts continued day after day, always with the same unruffled appearance. Her peers overwhelmingly affirmed her remarkable perseverance and ability when they voted her Staff Employee of the Year in 2005.

Her manager, Linda Parker, worked side by side with Roberts. "Besides going to classes and everything else she did, she also took courses to become a certified buyer. She was stellar, just absolutely amazing... and I never heard her once complain," said Parker, who regularly keeps in touch with her.

Roberts did beat the odds when she graduated summa cum laude in 2006 with a bachelor of management arts degree. Soon after, she began working for Charleston County as a buyer. "I could handle the job, but I knew I didn't want to do that forever, so I put my resume on monster.com. to see what my other options were."

In December 2007 Roberts received a phone call from a recruiter asking if she was interested in talking with Target about imple-

menting a purchasing card program at their headquarters in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Roberts was very interested, and after three phone interviews, Target flew her to Minneapolis for more interviews and testing. Ten days later they offered Roberts the job.

During this same time, The Citadel also offered her a position. She and her family carefully weighed the options. Moving to Minneapolis would mean leaving their family and friends which meant Roberts had to ask the tough questions: "What if something happened to Michael? Who's going to help me? How will I do it?" But in the end, they ultimately decided to make the move to Minneapolis. "I had to decide between the two offers, and the one thing I never wanted to tell myself was that I didn't try. I didn't know what it was like to work in corporate America, and I never wanted to later say 'what if...,'" Roberts said with resolve.

In March 2007 Roberts left for Minneapolis knowing her family would follow when they found a house. Target set her up in an apartment in downtown Minneapolis, but her training was 20 miles outside of the city. Everything was new and different and huge. Nothing was familiar. "I started thinking, 'What in the world have I done? I hope I haven't made the wrong decision.' But I know those things that don't kill you are going to make you stronger," said Roberts.

As Roberts began assimilating into her job, it clicked how God had previously prepared her for the diversity of people she encountered in Minneapolis. At their church in Charleston, the Roberts befriended many military families from around the country, many from the mid-West. "Falling back on that knowledge is what helped me integrate myself with my team at work" recalls Roberts. "It helped me plug in and talk about our differences."

Roberts quickly felt at home in her new position. She credits the BMA program at CSU with easing her adjustment into her corporate position. "Some of the most beneficial classes I had dealt with learning how to deal with diversity in the workplace," said Roberts. "I also had professors who worked in the corporate world, so they gave that real-life perspective. Beyond what the books said, their expe-

Roberts, on right, and the Target Purchasing Card Roll Out Team



periences were what got us prepared. That was a crucial part in my education."

Once the family arrived, they connected with their community and their church and made it a point to meet their neighbors. "That's part of why we love it here so much is

that we have made some really great friends. My job is great, and I love my job. But at the end of the day it's those kinds of things that have been a really big win for us."

This March marks three years the Roberts family has lived in cold country. Their

adjustment has not been without its rough spots, however, their determination and willingness to make it work is evident.

Roberts has been promoted and is now a business partner operationally responsible for the Target Cafes within the 1,700 Target stores, many of which include a Pizza Hut and Starbucks. She also received a National Sales Meeting Award for successfully launching the Purchasing Card Program at Target and was the only one in finance to receive an award in 2009.

Michael has severe headaches occasionally and struggles with some memory loss but has not had a seizure in three years. He is currently working on an associate degree in applied sciences at Rasmussen College. Lynlee will be in high school next year and is three inches taller than her mom, and their son, Josh, will enter the third grade and has been known to say, "ya betcha," occasionally.

Roberts loves telling the story of how God carried them through those years – years that seem long ago to her now. She lives life one day at a time and takes nothing for granted. "I don't know that tomorrow I'm not going to wake up and things will be topsy-turvy again, but I know that God is still there for me, and I know who wins the game." ■

## STUDYING IN EUROPE

Seniors Leslie Sharpe, Jenna Forbes and Erica Young prepare for a tour of the main square in Venice, Italy. They accompanied Dr. Linda K. Bone, education, on a study tour of Italy, France and Holland.





# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BOARD OF VISITORS

Members of the Executive Council of the Board of Visitors are an influential group who benefit Charleston Southern in many ways. They refer prospective students, assist students in locating internships and permanent employment, develop financial resources, identify prospective donors and donate at the level of \$5,000 per year for three years. Executive Council members also dine with a dean of one of the University's colleges or schools and other administrators twice a year, interact with faculty members, speak to student groups and serve on discussion panels. Some of the Executive Council members are highlighted here.

## Robert (Bob) Ashby

*Retired, Owner of Sherwood Enterprises*

*Board of Visitors member since 2000, Executive Council BOV since 2007, currently serving his second term*

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## Julian C. (Jack) Moore

*Retired Components Engineer*

### Why do you support student scholarships at Charleston Southern University?

I cannot think of a better way to support students than to be associated with this wonderful Christian institution, and I am extremely proud of the work and dedication the University has under the guidance of Dr. Hunter. My sister, Geneva M. Walters, introduced me to Charleston Southern.

Moore lives in Morgantown, Ky., and is originally from Lancaster, S.C. He is an avid baseball fan and loves the CSU baseball team.

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# Ansley and All-Americans

## looking to repeat trip to nationals

By Blake Freeland

LAST TRACK SEASON, THE WOMEN'S 4X100M RELAY TEAM MADE HISTORY, RACKING UP AWARDS FROM CSU, TO BIG SOUTH RECORDS, TO NCAA ALL-AMERICAN STATUS.

The quartet of Jessica Thomas, Dionne Gibson, Misha Morris and Gabrielle Houston was not content when they shattered the Big South's record at the NCAA East Region becoming the first women's relay team to break the 45-second mark. The team went on to become the League's first relay team to earn a bid to the national championship meet.

Coach Tosha Ansley, 3rd from right, with the record-setting 4x100m team: Jessica Thomas, Gabrielle Houston, Dionne Gibson, Misha Morris and alternate Brittney Greer

Photo by Ryan Burns





The 4x100m relay team  
at nationals

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— Tosha Ansley '99

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ost people would have been content to be at the meet, but not the ladies in the Blue and Gold. They ran a sub-45 time for the third-straight time to finish third in their heat behind LSU and Baylor, qualifying them for the finals and giving them a

chance at earning All-American honors.

"It all started at the preliminary race at the East Region when we almost beat Miami," said Coach Iosha Ansley '99. "We made it to the finals and knew we had a chance to make it to the national meet. We were a little disappointed in our time in the finals, but I kept checking times across the country that night and realized that we would probably still make it."

After a whirlwind turnaround that forced the team to drive to Savannah, Ga., fly to Tulsa, Okla., and drive to Fayetteville, Ark., the team arrived at nationals happy to be there and ready to prove they belonged.

The team put down another school record, running 44.35, and again it was a waiting game for Ansley, who thought her team had a chance.

"We just kept watching the other heats and all the times were coming in above ours," said Ansley. "The final heat came, and Miami won the heat. Anxiously we looked up at the scoreboard and realized we had beaten their time and made the finals. We ran out of the stands cheering and celebrating."

The ninth finalist on a nine-lane track, the team knew they needed to beat one team to earn the All-American title.

"Our exchanges weren't as crisp as I would have liked, and even though we still ran a good time, we didn't improve as I had hoped," said Ansley. "After the race, we realized that LSU had not finished the race and that put us in eighth place. Through all the celebration, I stressed to the team that they had put themselves in the position to take advantage of LSU's mistake."

After the awards ceremony Gibson, the leader of the group and the only senior on the relay team, gave her award to Ansley as the two shared a tearful embrace. Ansley insisted that she keep the award, that she had earned it, but Gibson responded, "Yes, but you coached us to get here."

The Conference recognized the team by naming them the 2008-09 Big South Track Athletes of the Year.

"Those four young ladies have paved the way in CSU and Big South history by doing some monumental things," said Ansley. "Not only were they the first relay team, male or female, to qualify for NCAA Nationals, they went the distance and advanced to the finals. They finished eighth and received NCAA All-American status. Then they received another first by becoming the first relay team to earn the award from the Conference; it truly is an honor."

The experience of having been there no doubt benefits the current team, but it also helps in recruiting.

"When I talk to recruits, that's what they want to hear. They want to know that we can compete with anyone in the country," said Ansley. "It gives them confidence that they can come to a smaller school like Charleston Southern and still compete with the LSU's and Baylor's of the world."

Looking back, Ansley still smiles when she thinks about the team and the experience of going to nationals.

"This team is more dedicated than ever, and the goal of this team is to get back. Whether it is one person or more, we want to go back." ■

| 2009 NCAA OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS |                     |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| WOMEN'S 4x100M RELAY                            |                     |
| LANE ASSIGNMENTS                                |                     |
| 1.                                              | CHARLESTON SOUTHERN |
| 2.                                              | ARIZONA STATE       |
| 3.                                              | OKLAHOMA            |
| 4.                                              | FLORIDA STATE       |
| 5.                                              | TEXAS A&M           |
| 6.                                              | LSU                 |
| 7.                                              | SOUTH CAROLINA      |
| 8.                                              | BAYLOR              |
| 9.                                              | TENNESSEE           |

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Lane assignments for the 4x100m final

photos provided by CSU Sports Information

## Tough Times Lead to **Strength** for Blackmon

By Rob Walden, CSU Sports Information

**Y**ou could say Billy Blackmon has had to deal with his fair share of adversity during his basketball career. The senior from Wabasso, Fla., has faced numerous obstacles as a collegian, many of them strong enough on their own to break the spirit of a lesser man.

But Blackmon has a heart big enough to match his 6'10" frame. When the struggles of life threatened to sack his promising hoops career not once, but three times, he buckled down and overcame the challenge.

"I knew I wanted to play ball, but I wasn't really recruited much coming out of high school," says Blackmon. "The four-year schools that were looking at me advised me to go to junior college."

So Blackmon, who once blocked 14 shots in a game at Sebastian River High School, began his collegiate career at Indian River Community College in his hometown of Wabasso. And it didn't take long for him to realize that, despite the initial rejection, he would indeed get his chance to play basketball at the NCAA's highest level.

"I figured out pretty early into my freshman year that I had an opportunity to play Division I basketball," says Blackmon. "I had several schools that wanted me to come out after my first year, and I even took a few visits to see if it was the right time for me to make the jump."

Then tragedy struck Blackmon's family. "My mother passed away at the end of my freshman season," Blackmon says, reflecting on the situation. "When that happened, I knew I wasn't ready to branch out and leave my family." For Blackmon, who was previously debating a jump to one of several four-year colleges across the country, the decision was suddenly easy: he would stay in Wabasso to be near his three older sisters and play a second season at Indian River.

Thanks to Blackmon's strong work ethic and improving hardwood skills, he was able to garner more Division I attention during his sophomore season. Blackmon visited three schools, and when he set foot at Charleston Southern, he knew the fit was right.

"I felt really comfortable with the coaches and the guys on the team when I took my visit to CSU," says Blackmon.

The rough blows didn't stop coming once Blackmon arrived at CSU, however. In just his 11th collegiate game, against Virginia Tech, he broke his forearm scrambling for a loose ball. The injury was severe enough to end his season. Had it happened two or three games earlier, Blackmon could have applied for a medical redshirt. But since the injury occurred when the season was more than one-third of the way completed, the lanky shot-blocker's first season at CSU was lost.

"I was really negative about the situation when it first happened," says Blackmon somberly. "I felt like I'd worked hard to get an opportunity at Division I basketball, and now I couldn't even play."

The dedication Blackmon has shown in overcoming the injury has made him a leader amongst his Buccaneer teammates. And Blackmon, whose struggles have given him a different perspective, is more than willing to serve as an example to his teammates.

"I feel like I can be a leader to these guys because of what I've gone through," says Blackmon. "I tell guys they can't relax or take days off if they want to make the most of their opportunities."

"There might not be another year or even another day. You have to bring it every time you step on the floor." ■

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Photo by Al Samuels

# GOODS HOPES TO USE DEGREE, EXPERIENCE TO **HELP** OTHERS

By Rob Walden, CSU Sports Information

**Q**uinton Goods, who will graduate in May with a degree in social science, plans to use his years of basketball experience as a way to help others upon the completion of his playing career. Specifically, Goods will use basketball as a means to teach and work with youth who are less fortunate than himself.

"I definitely want to use my degree when I'm done with basketball," says Goods. "I want to teach and work with youth in some capacity. That's my passion in life."

Goods says his fondness for youth work comes from his mother, Martha. "She raised me to love others and to give back as much as possible," Goods says of his mother. "My older brother also took care of me when I was a kid and showed me the importance of giving back. Now I feel like I can do the same for others."

Goods saw the positive impact he could have on young people when he worked during the summer at CSU Head Coach Barclay Radebaugh's basketball camps. "Working at those camps was a great way to spend time with kids," Goods says of his summer experience. "I was like a magnet for those kids, and they really took a liking to me. It showed me that I can have a positive impact on kids."

"I had a passion for youth work before I came to CSU, but being here has definitely helped me," says Goods. "Being around other Christians every day and hearing from the Word has really benefited me and made my commitment to pursuing youth work even stronger."

Whether he ends up as a teacher, a youth counselor or some combination of the two, there's no doubt that Quinton Goods will make a positive impact on the generation of tomorrow. "I feel like God has given me a passion for basketball so that I can reach kids for His glory," Goods says of his life's calling. ■

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## CSU receives three national honors

By Jan Joslin

America's Best Christian Colleges® has included Charleston Southern University on its 2009-2010 list. Charleston Southern has made the list for 11 consecutive years. Also named to the list from South Carolina are Anderson, Erskine and Presbyterian.

Colleges are selected on the basis of entering grades of the freshmen class, SAT/ACT scores equal to or above the national average and an institution providing an education in an academic and social environment based on Christian principles.

In addition, Charleston Southern has been named to America's 100 Best College Buys™ for the fifth consecutive year. Each year, Institutional Research & Evaluation, Inc. identifies the "100 American colleges and universities providing students the very highest quality education at the lowest cost."

According to Institutional Research & Evaluation, Inc., "Survey results showed a national average cost of attendance based upon the regular cost at private institutions and the out-of-state cost at public institutions for 2009-2010 of \$30,724." Charleston Southern's tuition cost for 2009-2010 for in-state and out-of-state students is \$26,632 (includes room and board).

Other schools in South Carolina named to America's 100 Best College Buys™ are Anderson, Clemson, Coastal Carolina and University of South Carolina.

Also, Charleston Southern University has been named by *G.I. Jobs* magazine a Military Friendly School for 2010. This honor ranks CSU in the top 15 percent of all colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide.

According to *G.I. Jobs*, criteria for the title includes a school's VA-approval of GI Bill ben-



efits, CLEP acceptance, credit for military service, Reserve and Guard policies, access to flexible learning options, veteran programs, military spouse programs, among others. ■

## State Paper Names Ross, Stevenson to All-Decade Team; McKain, Stevenson Named All-State

By Blake Freeland, CSU Sports Information

The *State newspaper* recently released its 2009 All-State football team and also released an All-Decade football team for the state of South Carolina.

Linebacker Jada Ross and kick returner Gerald Stevenson were named to the All-Decade team, while linebacker Andrew McKain and Stevenson earned All-State accolades.

Stevenson is a two-time all-conference selection with more than 3,000 all-purpose yards in the past two seasons alone. He holds the school record with 302 all-purpose yards in a game, doing so against Wofford during the 2008 season. The Naples, Fla., native, who just finished his junior season will return for his senior season having already set the school record with 3,984 career all-purpose yards and is sixth all-time in receiving yards. This past season, Stevenson finished 22nd nationally in all-pur-

pose yards and was second in the Big South averaging 7.0 yards per play.

A Summerville, S.C., native, Ross finished his career in 2007 as the school record holder in tackles with 454 during his career, 149 tackles ahead of second place. He had 31.5 tackles-for-loss and six sacks, while blocking four kicks and recovering four fumbles. After his senior season, he was named the nation's number eight linebacker by The Sports Network and was an honorable mention All-American by the same publication. He was a three-time All-Big South selection and the Big

South Defensive Player of the Year in 2005 after the team's championship season.

McKain led the team in total tackles, despite sitting out one game with an injury. The Tucker, Ga., native finished third in the Big South in tackles among linebackers. He had a career-high 14 tackles and two tackles-for-loss in the team's upset victory over the eventual co-Big South champions, Stony Brook. He had at least two tackles in every game that he played in, and reached 10 tackles in three games. He ends his two-year CSU career with 153 tackles, two interceptions and two fumble recoveries. ■

The full all-decade team can be found at:  
[www.thestate.com/news-extras/story/1079802.html](http://www.thestate.com/news-extras/story/1079802.html)

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[www.thestate.com/state-colleges/story/1077340.html](http://www.thestate.com/state-colleges/story/1077340.html)

# Football Wins Big South Sportsmanship Award

Courtesy of the Big South Conference Office

The Big South Conference's Team Sportsmanship Awards for its six fall sports have been determined, and Liberty University and VMI were voted the winner in two sports, followed by Charleston Southern University, Presbyterian College and UNC Asheville with one each. The honor is part of the Big South's Sportsmanship Awards program that began in 2005-06.

Liberty received the Big South's Team Sportsmanship Award in men's cross country and volleyball, while VMI was honored in women's cross country and football. Charleston Southern shared the football honor with VMI, and UNC Asheville was the recipient in men's soccer. Presbyterian College was voted the team winner in women's soccer. ■

## 2009-10 BIG SOUTH TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WINNERS

|                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Football              | VMI, Charleston Southern |
| Volleyball            | Liberty                  |
| Men's Soccer          | UNC Asheville            |
| Women's Soccer        | Presbyterian College     |
| Women's Cross Country | VMI                      |
| Men's Cross Country   | Liberty                  |



## Three Inducted into Athletics Hall of Fame

By CSU Sports Information

**T**he 2009 Hall of Fame class included women's soccer player Betsy Lapp-Blackwell, baseball player R.J. Swindle and men's tennis player Sandeep Yeni Reddy.

Lapp, who graduated in 2002, still ranks in the top 10 in school history in just about every statistical category. She is second all-time with 31 goals and is third in the history books with 67 total points. She started in 65 games over her career and was the Big South Rookie of the Year in 1998. A four-time All-Big South selection, she was the CSU Female Athlete of the Year. Twice she was named to the Big South's all-tournament team and led the league in goals in 2001.

Swindle played three seasons at CSU before being drafted by the Boston Red Sox in the 2004 MLB draft. After bouncing around in the minors for a few years, he became the first CSU player to compete in an MLB game when he pitched for the Philadelphia Phillies on July 7, 2008. During his time at CSU, Swindle held a 3.50 ERA over 64 games. He started 51 times and pitched 10 complete games. He is tied for the school record with 18 starts in a season and holds the school marks for innings pitched (126.1) and wins in a season (10). He won a school-record 24 games during his career and averaged 10.5 strikeouts per nine innings in 2002, the best in CSU history.

A 2001 graduate, Yeni Reddy was a member of four consecutive Big South Conference Championship teams that went to three NCAA Tournaments. He was the 1998 Big South Rookie of the Year and was selected to the All-Big South team four times. He was the team MVP and the CSU Male Athlete of the Year in 2001. With his work in the classroom, he was named to the Dean's List in 2000 and was named to the Big South's all-academic team in 2001. As a junior player, Yeni Reddy reached the number two ranking in India and was as high as 171 in the ITF world junior rankings. ■



Betsy Lapp-Blackwell



R.J. Swindle



Sandeep Yeni Reddy



# CSU LAUNCHES MOBILE WEB

CSU has launched a mobile version of CharlestonSouthern.edu. The site is available to anyone with web-enabled mobile phone service at:

**[mobile.charlestonsonthern.edu](http://mobile.charlestonsonthern.edu)**

## Charleston Southern Mobile Web Features:

- **Campus Events:** The Horton School of Music, CSU Lyric Theatre, CSU Players, Convocation, Elevate and a full schedule of sporting events take place regularly throughout the year. With CSU Mobile Web, faculty, staff, students, alumni and the general public can access current campus events from their phone.
- **Commuter Students:** With a single click, commuters and adult students can stay in touch with news and events.
- **Sports:** A member of the NCAA Division I Big South Conference, CSU fields teams in football, basketball, baseball, softball, women's soccer, cross country, track and field, golf, women's tennis and volleyball. Stay up-to-date on the latest scores and team home schedule.
- **News:** The latest news and information about Charleston Southern will now be at your fingertips from any web-enabled mobile phone.
- **Weather:** Get the latest weather conditions in the Lowcountry.

OIR Interactive, the Myrtle Beach-based mobile marketing firm, provided Charleston Southern with a device-specific layout, design and software platform.

**<http://mobil.charlestonsonthern.edu/>**

# Gone Fishing

By John Strubel

Photography By Sherry Atkinson





THERE ARE NO HALLS OF FAME FOR TEACHERS. IF THERE WERE, CHARLESTON SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS DR. JIM BARRIER AND MR. STEVE BEST WOULD BE ENSHRINED IN THE BIOLOGY WING.

They've put up Hall of Fame numbers. Working side by side in the biology department at CSU since 1973, Barrier and Best have 77 years combined teaching experience, producing 871 biology graduates. They have taught literally thousands of Charleston Southern students. Now all that's needed is the hall to preserve their fame in University history.

For years they have been referred to on campus affectionately as Barrier and Best. Not Barrier. Not Best. Barrier and Best. One has always seemed to follow, like footsteps, succinctly after the other. Like those revered in sports and later inducted into a Hall of Fame, Barrier and Best have had equal impact in the classroom. With little fanfare their former students have graduated to become today's physicians, researchers, biologists, even colleagues.



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**D**r. Amy Nolan enrolled at Charleston Southern in 1991. She was 83 miles from home (Sumter, South Carolina). She was on her own for the first time in her life, and in no time, homesick.

"I can remember being extremely homesick," said Nolan. "They (Barrier and Best) kept me here. I really think that I would have gone back home because I was young and had never been away from home, but that connection with a professor, that's what really matters."

Nolan said she remembers looking forward to her botany class. Sure, as a biology major, she was interested in the subject, but more than that it was the influence of Barrier and Best. "They were so funny and so real," she said. "No matter how homesick I was, being in class made me realize that I needed to be here. Dr. Barrier always has a smile that is contagious."

After graduating with a biology degree from CSU in 1994, Nolan continued her studies at The Medical University of South Carolina, earning a doctorate degree in cell molecular pharmacology and experimental therapeutics, and then studied the effects an individual's diet has on breast cancer. In 2000, she returned to CSU as a professor, and today teaches alongside the same professors who mentored her.

"Both of them influenced my teaching style more than any other two professors that I've ever had," said Nolan, recipient of the Center for Excellence in Teaching Award in 2004. "They were organized, but they related the content to something that had real-life application. One of the benefits of coming to CSU is that students have the opportunity to connect with professors. I really modeled myself after those two because I connected with them."

Dr. Melinda Walker enrolled at the University in 1977. Her goal was simple: Get her two-year nursing degree and get a job.

"I didn't like it. I didn't enjoy it," Walker said. "A nursing professor called me in and said, 'you never smile, you don't look happy, what is going on? When you're with patients you look like you're afraid?'"

She was afraid, and she told her instructor.

"Maybe you should change your major?" her professor asked.

After reviewing her grades, the professor recognized a clear pattern: She was making straight A's in the science and biology courses she had taken as prerequisites. "Let me send you over to speak with Mr. Best," said the professor.

"I changed my major because of his guidance," she said. "He not only welcomed me; he gave me hope for the future. He told me what my future could be."

Walker shares that same hope, those same opportunities with today's Charleston Southern students, working alongside Barrier and Best in the science department.

"So many come in wanting to go into nursing or medical school, but they don't have the grades to do it," said Walker. "Instead of just letting them fall off I let them know, 'you could go into psychology, you could be a teacher, you can go into lab work, all these different

things.' It's important to let students know there are options. Don't give up and quit school. I continue what Mr. Best taught me with today's students."

Joseph Russell '07 is in medical school at the University of South Carolina. Like his father, Roger Russell '83, a pathologist in Charleston, Joseph wants to be a doctor. Like Dad, he did his undergraduate studies at Charleston Southern University, a double major in biology and chemistry. Like father, like son, multiple generations have now learned from Barrier and Best.

"He took the same classes I took, years before, before I was born," said Russell. "My father has fond memories of Barrier and Best. When I was enrolling, he was wondering if they would still be there. I sought them out myself. I wanted to make sure I was in their classes. He (father) encouraged me to take anything I could with them. My father was already telling me what a treat I was in for. That gives you an idea of the legacy these guys have at CSU."

Early in his undergraduate education Barrier and Best arranged for Russell to be a lab assistant. "I didn't understand how important those extracurricular jobs are for getting into medical school; they knew and made sure I was in a position to be a lab assistant," he remembers. "That went a long way in preparing me with a solid application for medical school. It was wonderful to have professors who knew what their students needed to reach their goals."

The pair's friendship started when Steve Best was a graduate student at Clemson, and Jim Barrier taught freshmen. They crossed paths, struck up a conversation and realized they had a common interest: fishing. In fact, most every conversation with or about Barrier and Best comes back around to fishing.

"Dr. Barrier loves to fish," said Walker. "When he comes to campus in his truck, he's always pulling one of those little boats – every day. He always uses the excuse that he's going to get samples for botany. He takes off for an hour and goes fishing."

Time flies ... when you're fishing. The passion hasn't waned either. The excuses to sneak away to get their fishing fix live on – as long as there's a botany class to teach.

Barrier and Best became friends because of fishing, and according to Barrier, fishing is one reason they've spent the last 40 years in Charleston. In 1970, when the University advertised they were looking for a biology professor, Barrier applied. He was later offered the job.

"I had two choices," he said. "I interviewed here and at Auburn."

Why Charleston Southern and not Auburn?

"Hey, Santee Cooper lakes, the fishing capital of the world," said Barrier. "What's in Auburn, except a reputation?"

In 1973, Best was teaching at Greenville Technical College when another position opened in the biology department at the Baptist College (now Charleston Southern). Barrier interviewed Best for the position. The rest is history.

Let the fishing begin.

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"For years and years we used to hit it twice a day," confessed Best.

Barrier and Best fished; sometimes alone, sometimes together, sometimes with students, sometimes with colleagues and, at least one time, with President Jairy C. Hunter. Barrier and the late CSU business professor Stan Ricketts took President Hunter and his daughter, Jill, fishing at Santee Cooper. While Jill fished with Barrier, Hunter cast a line alongside Ricketts.

"It didn't take long for her (Jill) to land a good-sized bass," remembers Barrier. "Being the good, kind neighbor I said, 'I'll take Jill's fish home and I'll fillet it for you and get it back to you. I forgot about it because it was mixed up with my other fish. I ended up frying that fish and ate it.'"

CSU students Joseph Russell and Brandon Mizzell went fishing with Barrier too, and let's be clear, James Barrier is confident of two things: his knowledge of science and his ability to catch more fish than you or me.

"Brandon and I were in one boat, and Barrier was by himself in another boat," said Russell. "The competition was he could catch more fish than Brandon and I combined. The winner would buy lunch.

"He was trolling around that lake with a fishing rod, one in each hand, just reeling them in and laughing at our miserable failure all the way. At the end of the day we caught three fish; he caught more than 30."

Fishing became part of their legacy. As part of Tri Beta, the biology department honor club, Barrier and Best began hosting a fish fry for faculty, staff and students. "They would catch all this fish and have a fish fry," remembers Walker. "They would catch it, clean it, freeze it, batter it and fry it."

"It goes back a long time to our Clemson days," said Best. "We were in an area where you followed your heart. We were working with a lot of professors there who had wildlife programs, going fishing, camping, hiking. We thought we had died and gone to heaven as biologists. So when we got here we just continued that, and we'd sponsor a fish fry."

Since 1970, when Jim Barrier first arrived at Charleston Southern, there have been eight U.S. presidents. The New York Yankees have won seven World Series championships. Billy Graham visited campus, Warren Peper graduated, and the CSU Bucs basketball team experienced March Madness. The Lightsey Chapel Auditorium was built, the Wingate Hotel opened, colleague Steve Best won the Center for Excellence in Teaching — twice — and, in 2005, a state-of-the-art Science Building was christened.

That last one, the Science Building opening, almost happened without them.

"Dr. Barrier wanted to retire before we moved in," said Best. "I said, 'Hey, you can't do that. We've been with the school too long to say that we're going to leave before we have a new building. That means you're going to turn over your job and a new building to a new professor, that's not gonna happen. Let's stick around for a while.'"

They stuck around.

Barrier and Best stuck around to see the \$13 million, 54,000-square-foot Science Building open. For a long time the eight research and 11 teaching laboratories and 15 faculty offices in the building had the signature scent that says new.

"We now have a state-of-the-art facility, but one thing that has never changed with them (Barrier and Best) is the quality of instruction," said Nolan. "Their teaching in the '70s is the same as it was through the '90s and today."

Then, the shine began to fade. The excitement of the new building waned. Finally, last spring, while sitting in lab, Barrier started feeling tired. "What am I doing this for?" Barrier asked himself. "I should be home taking a nap, resting up. I don't need this."

Just like that, Barrier's 40-year career at Charleston Southern began winding down. This May, Barrier and Best will retire.

"We've been talking," said Best. "We've been friends for years and years. I talked him into staying a few years ago, but then we said, when we go, let's just both go. Bow out of this thing together."

Best's wife, a public school principal, is also retiring this year. "We're going to take it easy for a while," said Best. "Retirement is a big decision, after being here that many years (37). We have other interests outside of CSU, and so, we're going to prospect those interests. We look at it as changing gears, shifting into another gear and doing something else."

Barrier's wife retired in 2000; she wanted her husband to "hang it up" then, but he held out. Barrier still had the passion — and energy — to teach. Then, last summer while on vacation in Myrtle Beach, Barrier experienced chest pains and went to the hospital. It was a wake-up call.

Barrier thought, "You know what, something may happen and I don't get to do all we want to do, maybe it's time to hang it up. But I feel good now. That will keep me out on the lakes and golf courses for awhile."

"We're probably going to get into my wife's new Prius and spend about six weeks, traveling," said Barrier. "Take our time and see the country."

"I will miss the students," said Best. "As a faculty member you really get energized by the classroom environment. That will be the biggest adjustment. They keep you young. They keep you on your toes. They keep you thinking." ■



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# SLEEP OUT for the homeless benefits shelters

By Shelley Garrett '12



**Y**ou're cold, hungry, and you can't remember the last time you've had a hot shower. You have nothing, and you are completely alone; you don't even know when your next meal will be. Many of us have no clue what that would be like.

On Nov. 13 students held a Sleep Out for the Homeless. This fundraiser benefited local homeless shelters. Each team was required to find a sponsor and raise money for the event and conduct a nonmonetary drive; that could include a bake sale, a blanket drive, canned food drive, or maybe volunteering in a local shelter.

Audrey Butkus, AmeriCorps Campus Compact director, organized the event.

On the night of the event, students constructed the shelters they would be sleeping in for the night which were then judged in a contest.

Throughout the event, staff planned activities, such as, cooking hotdogs by the fire, hot chocolate, watching the movie *The Pursuit of Happyness*, playing glow in the dark disc golf, performances, and other fun games. Omar Montes De Oca said, "The reason why I'm doing this is because it's a good way to give back to the community."

Trey Alton said, "I was hoping for people to see what is truly necessary for people to live on, for people in South Carolina and all around the world." One group of freshmen said that they felt it was a good way to get involved and that it was better than just watching a movie in the lounge with friends. ■



Photos by Aimee Davis '13



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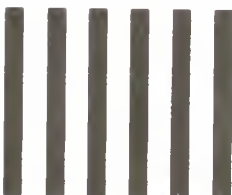


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# Shopping for Scholars

By Sherry Atkinson

The second floor of the Strom Thurmond Center was alive with excited activity as the Women's Council spent two days sorting and cataloging donated auction items ranging from gift baskets to beach and golf vacations. But all their hard work and long hours were for a good cause – student scholarships.

On Nov. 7 more than 80 women arrived on campus ready to shop at the 7th Annual Shopping for Scholars Auction. After shoppers had a close look at the auction items and perused the silent auction tables, the bidding began. In just a matter of hours the months of planning, organizing, gathering donated items, and making items to donate paid off to the tune of \$24,000.

"The Women's Council is a board of 25 women who work to further the mission of Charleston Southern University," said Sissy Hunter, wife of CSU President Jarry Hunter. "In the fall we turn our attention toward our annual Shopping for Scholars Auction in which all proceeds go toward scholarships which we support."

Monies raised at past auctions were used to establish two endowed scholarships - the Mattie Lee Francese Scholarship and the Charlene B. Kirk Scholarship. Charlene B. Kirk founded the Women's Council, and Mattie Lee Francese was a charter member of the council; both are now deceased.

"We are grateful for our many donors who loyally support our efforts as well as our attendees who bid for and purchase our donations," added Hunter. "We work long and hard; we bond, and we have much fun along the way" ■



Sissy Hunter and Jean Ashby



Elaine Ling and  
Becky Colman

Photos by Sherry Atkinson

## Mexico Mission Trip Inspires New Vision

By Sherry Atkinson

The New Vision Vocal Ensemble traveled on mission to Mexico City Jan. 4-11. The group of 20 included New Vision Director Allen Hendricks and Spanish professor Dr. Pamela Peek. Hosted by International Mission Board missionary David Boyter, the schedule included worship opportunities in an assortment of places including outdoor venues, a homeless shelter, and a rainy day spent under a tarp which housed several families.

Worship at the homeless shelter impacted many of the students, including Katie Caulder, a senior from Beaufort. "When we had a worship service at a homeless shelter, I was like, 'these people are homeless; why are we doing an offering?' Then these guys started bringing trash bags full of aluminum cans and dropped them at the altar," said Caulder. "Just when I thought I had nothing else to give God – I was emotionally and spiritually drained – these homeless people are giving aluminum that they could have traded in for money."

The worshipers loved songs sung in both Spanish and English, with one of their favorites being the Southern Gospel song, *Halfway*. "Language was a barrier when it came to conversation, but it never was a barrier when it came to worship," added Caulder.



This was the first international mission trip for 10 of the students. Many were saddened by the poverty but were humbled by the people's contentment and their willingness to share.

For sophomore Clint Johnson, "It was a reminder of the call on my life and every Christian's life to be salt and light. The mission field is when I wake up and step out of the dorm room. It's wherever I am."

According to Hendricks it has taken three tries for this trip to finally happen, but he believes God's timing was perfect. "We had a terrific, exhausting, but terrific experience," said Hendricks. "We have already scheduled a worship service at one Spanish speaking congregation in our area and have leads on a second. We're finding international mission opportunities right here in our own community." ■

## Ling Endowed Scholarship Established

By Jan Joslin

Friends and family of Elaine Ling of Moncks Corner, and her late husband, Frank, have established an endowed scholarship in the Lings honor.

Elaine, a 1973 graduate of Charleston Southern and retired Berkeley County school teacher, said, "I am overwhelmed, but thrilled. Frank's life was an unselfish life. He lived for others so he might be more like His Lord." Frank, a native of China, was a minister at First Baptist Church Moncks Corner and was active in Baptist work throughout South Carolina.

Elaine said, "I want to thank Johnny and Sandra Ward, they were the leaders in this scholarship." Elaine and Sandra serve on the University's Women's Council and have assisted in numerous scholarship and beautification efforts on campus. Johnny has been a member of the board of trustees and board of visitors at the University, and he and Sandra are long-time financial supporters of the University.

Johnny said, "Frank Ling taught me how to give. He never told people to go and do something; instead, he said come and join me in this or that project."

The scholarship was established with an initial gift of \$31,800 as principal, which will be invested in the University's endowment. Scholarship applicants will be students who are called into full-time Christian ministry. ■



President Dr. Jarry Hunter, Eugene Ling, Col David H. Ling, Harriet Ling Jaworowski, Elaine L. Ling and Johnny Ward

# Bisson Carries Torch for Canada

By CSU Sports Information

Every athlete dreams of representing his or her country in the Olympic Games. Although not competing, cross country freshman Shaun Bisson got his chance to represent Canada as one of the torch bearers for the 2010 torch relay.

The Sarnia, Ontario, native was part of the ceremonial torch relay as the flame went 45,000 km (27,961 miles) across Canada, ending in Vancouver, British Columbia, for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. On Dec. 22, Bisson carried the single flame for a 400m stretch in nearby Ridgeway.

"Growing up I'm sure it's every athlete's goal to win a major championship, or compete in the Olympics," said Bisson. "For me growing up it was hockey; I wanted to compete internationally for Team Canada. As my focus shifted from hockey to cross country, that passion never left me. While I may never get to represent Canada for the Olympics, this is at least one step closer to the games, and I am a part of it. I may not have the Olympic rings behind me like the athletes do, but it's still a part of me representing my hometown, representing my country as a torch bearer, and it is a real honor."

Even though it was cross country that brought Bisson to Charleston Southern, it was hockey that got him involved in the relay.

"I was working at a hockey arena, and the Royal Bank of Canada, one of the major sponsors, had an ad campaign. They had an essay contest about how we would make the world a better place and how you could make your community better, and the winners got to be part of the torch relay."

Recruited by a number of Big South schools, Bisson took the conference's motto of Developing Leaders through Athletics to heart and incorporated that thought into his essay.

"I wrote about how I planned to lead by example when I got to the states," said Bisson, who was a major part of the cross country team's improvement this year, finishing second on the team in every race. "I want to show all of the kids who might want to become an athlete how to excel athletically and academically."

There were more than 10,000 applications from his hometown alone, but in September, Bisson got word that he had been selected. With the Big South Championship and NCAA Southeast Regional meets on the horizon, he had little time to think about the honor.



The excitement quickly built as the season finished, and he saw the white and red uniform that he would don to carry the Olympic flame.

Although all uniforms are standard issued, Bisson paid tribute to his school with a CSU logo on the shoes he wore during his 400m stretch of history ■



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Photo: provided by CSU Sports Information

# Class notes



COMPILED BY JAN JOSLIN '82

## 1974

**Howard Hodges** retired June 30, 2009, from the Army National Guard after 27 years of service, including three years on active duty with the U.S. Army parachute team, the Golden Knights, and a tour in Bosnia as a peace-keeper. He spent the last five years on active duty with the Army Guard doing personnel and public affairs work. Currently, he is the transition assistance advisor for reservists in Maryland who have deployed to combat zones. He helps them navigate the Veterans Administration and Department of Defense bureaucracy to make sure they get the benefits, compensation, health-care and other assistance that they might need. He can be reached at [howard.hodges@us.army.mil](mailto:howard.hodges@us.army.mil) or cell 410-370-6916.

**Frank Shivers** has written a new book, *Evangelistic Preaching 101: Voices of the Past and Present on Effective Preaching*. Shivers is a vocational evangelist, runs a summer camp and has led more than 500 revivals and published numerous books.

## 1984

**Steven Farr** has recently been promoted to vice president of human resources at Maryhurst, a child welfare agency in Louisville, Ky. Steven and his wife, Evelyn, have one son, Adam. They live in Crestwood, Ky.

**Jimmy Hanf** is director of missions for Kershaw Baptist Association. He was formerly pastor of St. George Baptist Church in Orangeburg.

## 1997

**Aimee Fulmer** has been named Assistant Principal of the Year in Berkeley County. She is assistant principal at Berkeley Intermediate School.

**Fermin Gonzaga** is a captain in the U.S. Air Force with more than 20 years in service. Currently he is the computer network defense operations officer/program manager in charge of deploying Host-Base Security System for the Defense Information Systems Agency in the National Command Region/D C area.

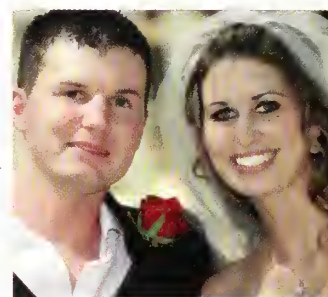
## 2001

**Jason Moyer**, vice president for sales and marketing for Verterra Sport, is marketing the company's new line of golf shirts made from corn fiber. Moyer was a member of the men's golf team and was a mini tour player. For more info about the shirts visit [www.verterrasport.com](http://www.verterrasport.com).

## 2006

Navy Seaman **Jennifer R. Bailey** recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

**Courtney Elizabeth Catoe** and **Christopher Michael Jones** were married Aug. 1, 2009, in Outer Banks, N.C. She is a teacher and is pursuing a master's degree in education at Johns Hopkins University. He is a therapist with Behavioral Health Partners. They live in Clarksburg, Md.



**Ashley Steen-Stefani** has earned her master's degree in human resources management from Columbia University Graduate School of Business where she maintained a 4.0 GPA. She and her husband, Steven, a nuclear engineer, currently reside in Virginia, but will be permanently relocating to their home in California this spring.

## 2007



**Kristen Elizabeth Burrows** and **Jeremy J. Gilchrist** were married Oct. 3, 2009, at Cypress Gardens in Moncks Corner. Kristen is currently working on a master's degree with the University of Phoenix, and her husband is a mechanic for the Town of Mt. Pleasant.

## 2008

**Andrew Birchenough** is the college bookstore manager at the Art Institute of Charleston.

**Katherine Shufford Lane** and Scott Thomas Bellamy were married April 18, 2009, in Charleston. She is a teacher. They live in Mt. Pleasant.

**Wayne Putnam** has received the Certified Public Purchasing Officer credential from the Universal Public Purchasing Certification Council. Wayne is a purchasing officer with the School District of Oconee County in Walhalla.



**Lauren Roper** and **Clay Fawcett '07** were married Oct. 3, 2009, in Beaufort. Clay's mother, **Karen Fawcett**, is a 1976 CSU alum.

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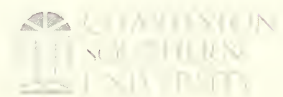
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# Baby Bucs



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Rowan Parrish, son of **Ivy Parrish '04** and **Lance Parrish '07**

Albert Tebow Doria III and Austin James Doria, sons of **Albert Doria Jr. '94**

Benjamin Edney, son of **Rebecca Edney '07** and **Jonathan Edney '06**

Garrett Preston Davis, son of **Jillian DeLorge-Davis '09**

## Calling All Baby Bucs!

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Kiernan Parrish, daughter of **Ivy Parrish '04** and **Lance Parrish '07**

Ella Elizabeth Ryan and Emily Ann Ryan, daughters of Michael and **Alice Ryan '97**

Bryson Sutherland, son of **Brandy Sutherland '03**

Theron Jeffcoat, son of **Andrea Jeffcoat '00**

## Heart defect survivor offers hope to others

By Jan Joslin

I was sitting in my pediatric cardiologist's office – trying to fit into one of those little chairs – when the man sitting next to me said “So... I guess you're just here to pick up a prescription for your child?” Without really thinking about it I said “No, I'm the patient, just waiting for my appointment.” And I literally saw his face change as all his dreams about his child were reborn. (from Adventures of a Funky Heart! blog)

“THANKFULLY, MY PARENTS DIDN'T TURN INTO 'HELICOPTER PARENTS' AND HOVER OVER ME ALL THE TIME. THEY TOOK THE ATTITUDE THAT A DOCTOR TOOK – HE WASN'T SURE EXACTLY WHAT MY LIMITS WERE, BUT WHEN I DID TOO MUCH, I'D STOP AND REST.”

Mark Steven (Steve) Catoe, a 1988 graduate of Charleston Southern University and the author of *Adventures of a Funky Heart!*, is an advocate for people of all ages living with a heart defect. He speaks to heart families at conferences around the country and has lobbied for new congenital cardiac care legislation in Washington, D.C.

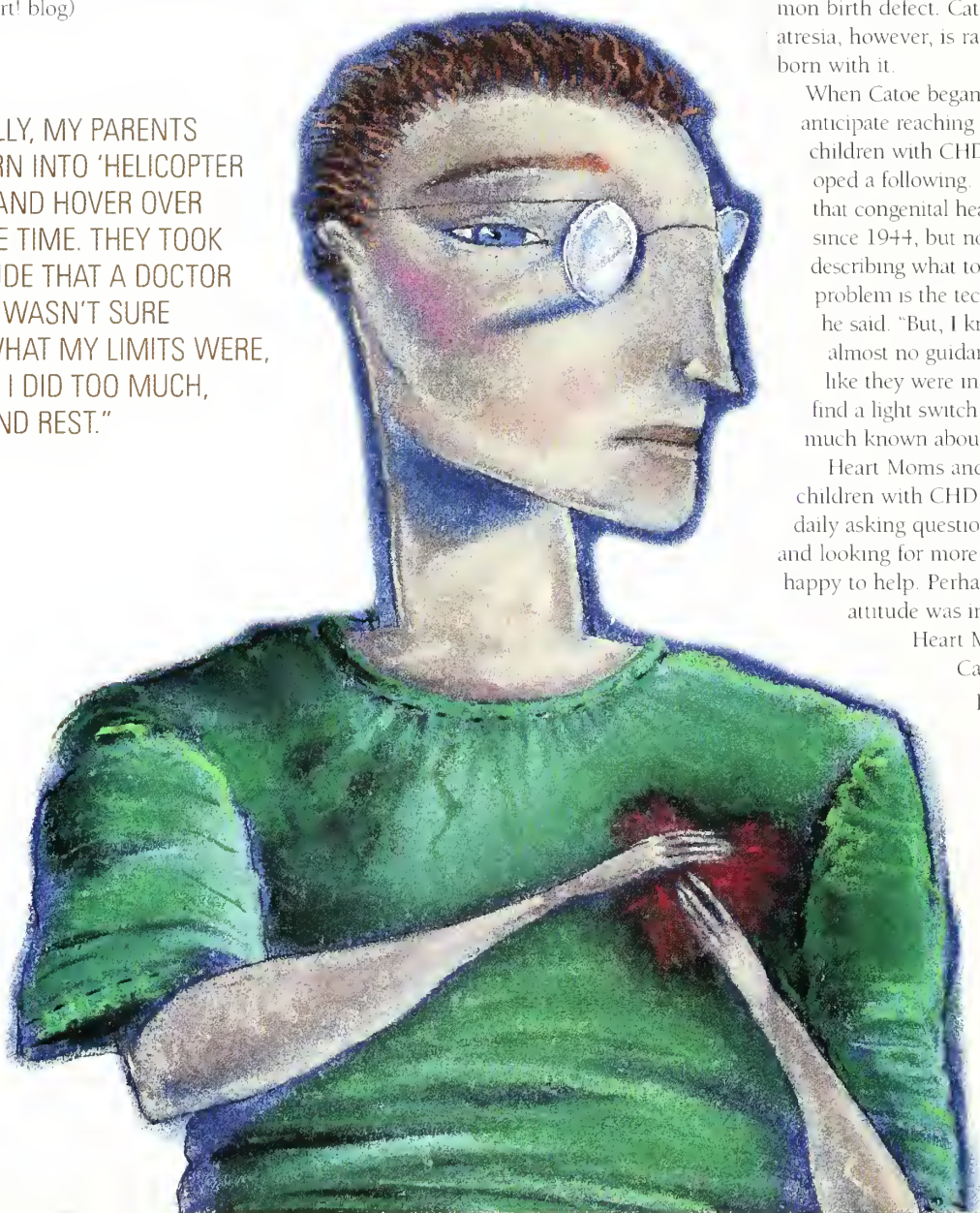
Catoe's blog offers practical, technical advice and even provides a printable drug chart to make life easier for heart patients and encourages patients to learn the anatomy of a normal heart. But the most important thing his blog offers is the gift of hope.

Catoe is living proof that children with congenital heart defects (CHD) can grow up. Congenital heart defects are the most common birth defect. Catoe's defect, tricuspid atresia, however, is rare, with just 1 in 10,000 born with it.

When Catoe began his blog, he didn't anticipate reaching so many parents of children with CHD, but he quickly developed a following. Catoe finds it disturbing that congenital heart surgery has existed since 1944, but no one has written a guide describing what to expect. “Perhaps the problem is the technology moves too fast,” he said. “But, I know my parents had almost no guidance, and at times they felt like they were in a dark room trying to find a light switch, there just wasn't that much known about the heart,” said Catoe.

Heart Moms and Heart Dads, parents of children with CHD, write to Catoe almost daily asking questions about what to expect and looking for more information. Catoe is happy to help. Perhaps his caring, practical attitude was inherited from his own Heart Mom and Heart Dad.

Catoe said, “Thankfully, my parents didn't turn into ‘helicopter parents’ and hover over me all the time. They took the attitude that a doctor took – he wasn't sure exactly what my limits were, but



when I did too much, I'd stop and rest. So other than common sense guidelines, stay off of the climbing tower at the elementary school, for example – they trusted me. And if I tried to use my heart as an excuse to be lazy, I got an earful."

Catoe's blog is popular with parents because most of them are desperate for answers. "I think it really hit me the first time I stood up to speak at a conference," he said. "The audience was all adults; the children were off having fun. I looked up and immediately noticed that these people were young – everybody was in their 20s and 30s. I thought about the fact that the people have probably never even met an adult living with a heart defect before, so I abandoned my notes and just told my story. I couldn't have been very articulate, but I hope my unspoken message got through: 'You can get through this. Your child can have a happy, useful life.'"

Most of Catoe's time at Baptist College (now CSU) was spent as a normal college student. He chose the school because its small size would allow him to get around easily. "I was like a lot of students; it took some time to get my feet on the ground, but I was able to find my path," remembers Catoe. "I've been tossed in the reflecting pool on my birthday, just like almost everyone else. I kept statistics for the football team, and I've been in all night study sessions. I fell in love with history in Dr. Sheila Davis' class, and I was fortunate enough to meet a lot of great people – faculty and students alike."

Catoe's only regret about his college years was that "perhaps I was too healthy. My heart didn't bother me that often, and I took one pill a day. Because I wasn't thinking very much about my health problems, I think I missed a golden opportunity to educate people about growing up

with a heart defect – not only at CSU but at the hospital across the street," he said.

Today, Catoe may be considered disabled, but that hasn't stopped him from providing information and offering hope. "I had my third heart surgery less than a week after I graduated in 1988. I had scar tissue all over my heart from my two previous operations – the surgeon anticipated that," he said. "But no one knew how much scar tissue there was, or that it would tear when they opened my sternum (breastbone). I needed 20 units of blood, and I came very close to passing away on the operating room table. I'm still pretty healthy, but in the time since that surgery I've had a mild stroke, congestive heart failure, and I have a pacemaker

"There are a lot of physical things that I can't do, but I can write, and I can tell my story – and the stories of all of us who are battling a heart defect. There are about two million people in the U.S. living with a congenital heart defect. But because this is an invisible disability, too often parents of a sick child have no idea what a heart defect is until they are confronted with it. So, if I can give you the information that you need – in little chunks so that you don't feel overwhelmed – maybe you'll see that you aren't in this fight alone."

Catoe sums up his message this way: "On average one child out of every 125 born will have a congenital heart defect," he said. "Most will require some type of intervention, be it surgery or a catheterization. Some of them will require multiple surgeries. But heart defects are survivable – 90 percent of all children who have open heart surgery become adults. Never lose hope, and never give up.

"Because every heart deserves to live a lifetime."

To follow Catoe's blog, log onto <http://tricuspid.wordpress.com>. ■



Steve Catoe speaking at a Saving Little Hearts Symposium at Duke University Children's Hospital

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## Alumni News

By David Weiss '03, director of alumni affairs



**T**he year 2009 holds many special memories for the CSU family. In addition to celebrating Dr. Jairy and Sissy Hunter's 25th anniversary at CSU, we celebrated the 40th reunion of the first graduating class.

During Homecoming weekend, many of the members of the Founding Classes enjoyed participating in alumni activities and attending the Founding Classes reunion event Oct. 24. The Founding Classes Reunion Committee spent nearly a year planning and preparing for this event. Woodrow Busch, a member of the Founding Class and a member of the Reunion committee, said, "We appreciate the fact that the University values the

unique contributions of the Founding Class. I believe this kind of recognition serves to bond alumni with their alma mater." The Founding Classes reunion was one of the highlights of Homecoming Weekend.

Other Homecoming Weekend events included the 5K Fun Run and Walk, Fall Fest, the President's Cup Golf Tournament, the Buc Walk, Homecoming football against Liberty, and the Sunday afternoon Jazz Band concert. ■

**THE FOUNDING CLASSES REUNION WAS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF HOMECOMING WEEKEND.**

### THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

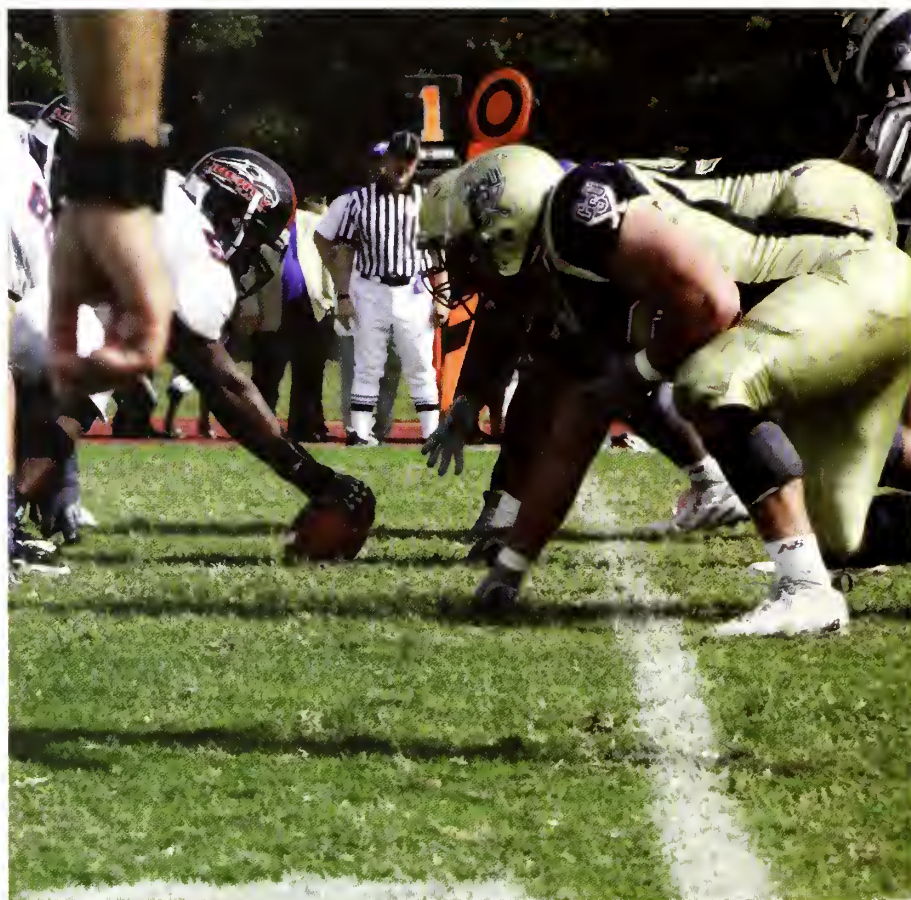
Executive Director for Development Bill Ward and President Jairy Hunter updated the alumni on the accomplishments of CSU over the past year. The 2009-2010 Alumni Officers and Alumni Board members were selected at this meeting.

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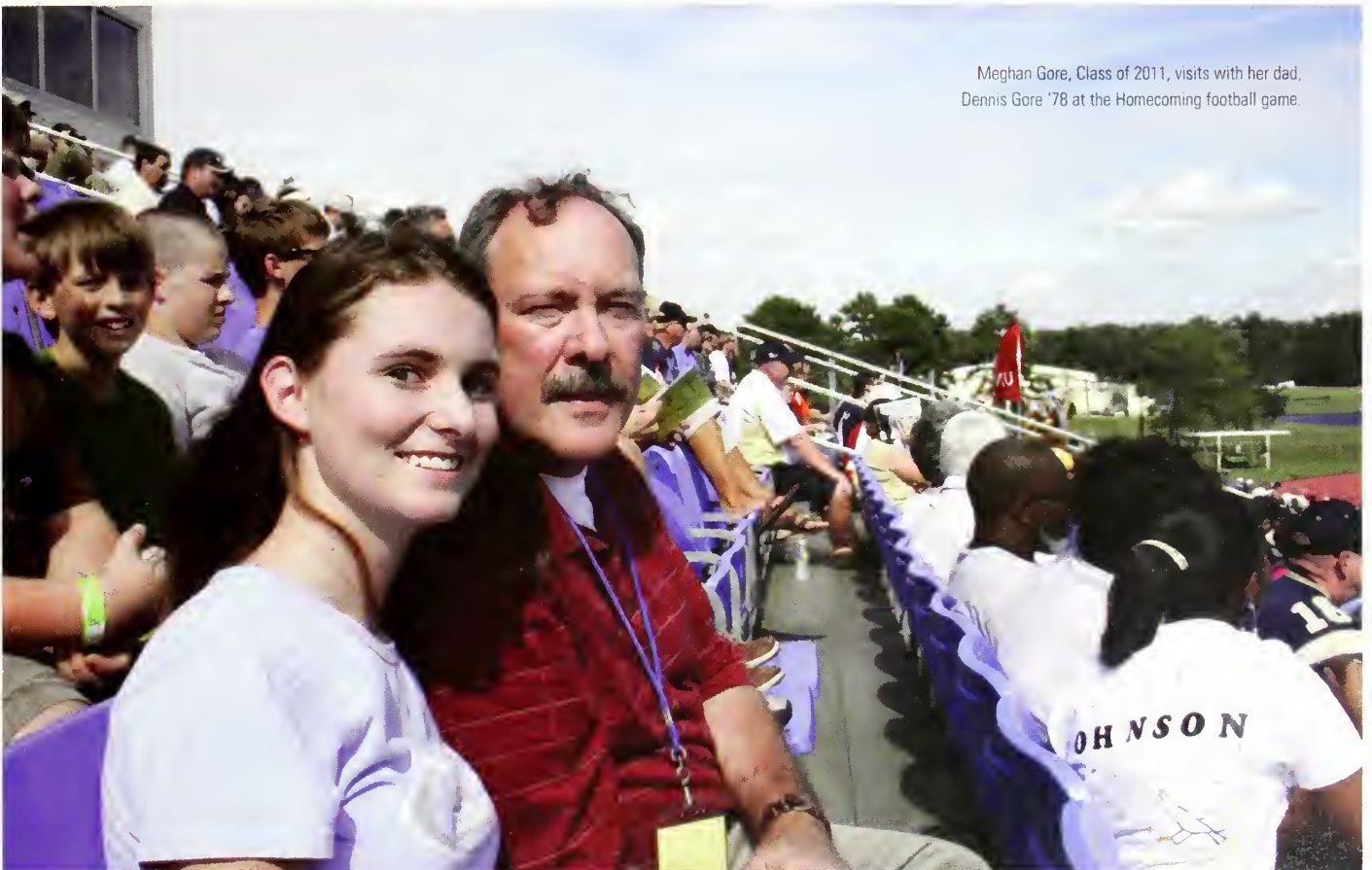
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If you have visited the campus recently, you have seen firsthand the beautiful campus and the many exciting athletic and cultural events for you to enjoy. Keep up with the latest by viewing our Web site, [www.charlestonsothern.edu](http://www.charlestonsothern.edu). You can also link to CSU's Facebook group and Twitter feed from the CSU homepage. Make it a point to visit the CSU campus in 2010...you won't be disappointed.



Meghan Gore, Class of 2011, visits with her dad, Dennis Gore '78 at the Homecoming football game.



### PHONATHON 2010 RAISING FUNDS FOR STUDENT ASSISTANCE

During February and March many of you received phone calls from students and alumni volunteers. Our callers made thousands of phone calls to update alumni contact information, reacquaint alumni with the University and to make the case for financial support. All gifts to Phonathon benefit the University's annual fund, which provides vital aid to our student body.

As you already know, more than 95 percent of our students receive financial aid, and many of these students would be unable to

attend Charleston Southern without scholarship assistance. The entire CSU family is grateful for alumni who are willing to pass the generosity of past donors on to today's students. By supporting Charleston Southern students, you are making an investment not only in Christian higher education but also in the future of our country! Thanks again for your generous show of support.

Remember, it's not too late to be a part of the 2010 Phonathon Annual Fund Drive! Simply visit the CSU Web site, [www.charlestonsouthern.edu](http://www.charlestonsouthern.edu), and click on the "Give Now" button. Making a gift before May 31, 2010, will ensure you are listed in our Honor Roll of Donors for 2009-2010. ■

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Homecoming brochures will be mailed this summer.



J. Chris Owens '11 and Homecoming Queen Katie Tull '11

## MEMBER OF FIRST CLASS CHALLENGES MOST RECENT GRADUATES

By Jan Joslin

**B**rooks Moore '69 told December graduates, "Heart and soul I love this college. I've seen the difference this university made in my life and in this community."

Moore recently retired with more than 40 years in the public school system. Now he heads up BP Moore Consulting, Inc., and is working to improve local schools which are struggling.

He stressed the importance of being a life-long learner, continuing to read, discuss and appreciate the viewpoints of others.

Moore challenged graduates, "What are you going to do with your education to make this world better? Each day offer a kind word, a listening ear and a compliment for a job well done."

Moore is a member of the University's Board of Visitors and the Legacy Society. ■



“WHAT ARE  
YOU GOING TO DO  
WITH YOUR EDUCATION  
TO MAKE THIS WORLD  
BETTER?”

Hanae and Melvin Courtier Jr.  
enjoyed the grad luncheon.  
Melvin graduated with a BMA  
degree in December.



## Reflecting on the Founding Classes Reunion

By Carol Mead Koopman '69, co-chair of the reunion planning committee

**T**he planning stages for the founding classes reunion were particularly nostalgic for me. I found myself reliving memories at BCC with friends and professors. When the reunion finally arrived and special friendships were rekindled, it was as if four decades had never separated us.

Not only was I indeed thankful to have been reunited with former dedicated professors and staff members, I was indebted and blessed to have been touched by their wisdom.

When I reminisce about those early pioneer days at Baptist College at Charleston, I marvel at its positive metamorphosis in the CSU of today. ■

Photos by Sherry Atkinson



ABOVE Don Nye '69, and his wife, Martha, at the 40th Reunion banquet.  
LEFT An ice sculpture depicted BCC and CSU

## Old-Timers Take on Buc Golf Team

**T**he 2009 President's Cup Golf tournament was a memorable event and not just for the rain that fell during the afternoon. The Founding Classes formed a team of golfers from the original Baptist College golf team to take on current CSU Buccaneer golfers in a captain's choice, 9-hole scrimmage match.

The current golfers expected an easy win, but the Baptist College team gave them a run for their money. The match ended in a draw, and rather than take a chance on losing the match, the Baptist College golfers decided to end with the tie. ■





Founding class members enjoy the reception in the Science Building

Photos by Sherry Atkinson



FAR LEFT Brandon Caddow-Young '12,  
Larry Elliot attended 1969, Ken Moore '71,  
Sang Hyun Lee '11

LEFT J.P. Newsome '13, Brooks Moore '69,  
John Leseman '69, Tyler Tilghman '13

## Memorials

**Beryl Mazursky Barlow '74**, age 59, died Jan. 15 in Charleston. She was a homemaker.

**Rev. William "Billy" Delano Cooper '72**, age 60, died Oct. 8, 2009, in Charleston. He was a minister with the S.C. Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Brenda J. Dralle '02**, age 48, died Oct. 1, 2009, in Charleston. She was a teacher at Sangaree Middle School.

**Helen S. Gerald '75**, age 86, died Jan. 22 in Florence. She was a registered nurse.

**Mary Agnes Heape Hunsucker '69**, age 78, died Jan. 10 in Hanahan. She was an elementary school teacher.

**Steven Ray "Steve" Kutta '76**, age 55, died Jan. 29 in Mt. Pleasant. He was employed by Studio 921.

**Dr. Kathryn "Kaye" Moyer Sharpe**, age 87, died Oct. 5, 2009, in Charleston. She was professor emerita of sociology at Charleston Southern. She taught English and was later chair of the sociology department. She was a life member of the President's Club. The University's Kathryn Moyer Sharpe Endowed Scholarship is in her honor.

**Kathryn McClellan Strock**, age 89, died Oct. 3, 2009, in Charleston. She was a member of the Charleston Southern Legacy Society, a life member of the President's Club and a Christian Leadership building donor.

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# CUTTINO CHOIR REUNION PLANNED FOR HOMECOMING WEEKEND

The Charleston Southern University Alumni Association and the Horton School of Music are proud to announce the 2010 Cuttino Choir Reunion, in memory of Dr. David Cuttino. The reunion choir, open to all alumni who performed under Dr. Cuttino, is part of Homecoming Weekend 2010. Here is the tentative schedule of events:

## Friday October 22

- 6:30 p.m. – Welcome Reception
- 7:30 p.m. – Rehearsal

## Saturday October 23

- 10:00 a.m. – Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. – Sound Check
- 7:30 p.m. – Reunion Concert
- Reception to follow



Please contact the Reunion Committee if you would like to be a part of the Cuttino Choir Reunion. Search "Baptist College Choir Alumni" on Facebook to join the group and register for the event, or register at [cuttinoreunion@gmail.com](mailto:cuttinoreunion@gmail.com).

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